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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON POSSIBLE HIZBALLAH RESUPPLY  
FLIGHT

REF: A. SECSTATE 225699 B. RIYADH 07422

Classified By: AMBASSADOR EDWARD W. GNEHM FOR REAPONS 1.5 (B), (C), AND  
(D)

1. (S/NF) DCM delivered Ref A demarche on November 9 to Ali al-Ayad, personal assistant to FONMIN Muasher. Ali promised to provide the information to the appropriate people in the GOJ and asked for further details on the flight as soon as they are available. DCM also provided the text of the demarche to ORCA for follow-up in other channels.

2. (S/NF) The Ambassador took up the issue with GID Director Sa'ad Kheir on November 11. Kheir pointed out that Saudi Arabia was by far the best placed to deal with the problem. That said, if there were clear evidence that a specific flight was transporting arms, Kheir said, Jordan would insist on inspecting the aircraft as a matter of course. He noted, however, that the Turks had forced an Iranian plane to land, only to discover that it was carrying "vegetables." The already touchy Jordanian-Iranian relationship did not need that kind of embarrassment.

3. (S/NF) Comment: The Jordanians are pleased that Saudi Arabia denied overflight (ref B) and will continue to argue that, on purely practical grounds, we should focus on Saudi Arabia for such requests in the future.  
GNEHM